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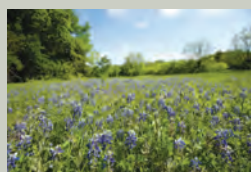
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Unique natural habitat joins already stellar parks system

Rarely does an opportunity come along like the one the City of Mansfield has with the 80 acres located off Matlock Road along Walnut Creek.

This unique habitat of native trees, plants, wildlife and geology has sat mostly untouched throughout the city's 120-plus years of history, nurtured by a local couple who loved the peace and tranquil setting the land offered their growing family.

Elmer Oliver lived in Mansfield, and loved the community and his 80 acres on the creek. His daughter Marianne and her husband Kelly Williams – who later owned the property – knew when it came time to



sell the land, they just couldn't see it as anything other than a park for others to enjoy. The MPFDC purchased the

land in 2004 and incorporated plans for a nature center into the Parks Master Plan. Now Mansfield residents and visitors throughout the region may experience the wonder that is Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park, the city's newest community park that will open in January with the first of three phases.

Phase II in 2015 will be the extension of the Walnut Creek linear trails through the park to Joe Pool Lake. Phase III in 2017 will be the addition of a nature center and learning lab.

Oliver Nature Park represents something completely different for our award-winning park system. No playgrounds. No basketball courts. No ball fields. Instead it's about connecting with nature through walking trails and special programs about plants and wildlife taught by the nature education specialist now working for the Parks & Recreation Department.

I have no doubt Mansfield residents will be as enthusiastic about Oliver Nature Park as they are about Rose Park, Town Park, Big League Dreams, Walnut Creek Linear Park and all the other outstanding facilities that make up our award-winning park system. We appreciate our citizens, the City Council and the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation for their continued support for city parks. Also, we are grateful to our Parks & Recreation Department staff for their dedication to giving our citizens the best parks experience and making Mansfield one of the best places to live in America.

Clayton Chandler, City Manager



Mansfield named one of Texas' safest cities

It's one thing for me to brag on our city. It's more satisfying for someone else, a third party observer no less, to brag on our city.

SafeWise, an organization which provides research on community safety, has named Mansfield to its list of safest cities in Texas. We were named No. 18 in their Top 50 safest cities with populations over 20,000.



They ranked the cities based on their own research as well as U.S. crime reports provided by the FBI.

Being named one of the state's safest cities is the result of good decisions by the City Council, sound strategic planning on the part of our city management and hard work of patrol officers, detectives, community resource officers, training officers and the administration in the Mansfield Police Department.

Public Safety represents more than half of

the city's annual budget expenditures. Our commitment to keeping our residents, businesses and visitors safe remains strong. And the proof that our plan is working is reflected in the crime statistics and the independent analysis of groups like SafeWise.

As Mayor, I am appreciative to our public safety officials, staff and officers for all they do to keep our streets safe. They not only patrol these streets to protect us, they educate and encourage our residents to be active participants in the process through events like National Night Out and programs like Citizens On Patrol.

And because of their dedication, Mansfield is not only one of the best places to live, it's also one of the safest.

David L. Cook, Mayor



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Oliver Nature Park Grand Opening

Special public celebration planned Jan. 25 for unique community space

The colorful logo for the new Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park says it all: Educate. Appreciate. Preserve.

The grand opening celebration for the city's newest park will reflect the goals and mission of the unique space that is Oliver Nature Park, say city officials. Special ceremonies and activities are set

ELMER W. OLIVER Nature Park



Educate. Appreciate. Preserve.

for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the park, 1650 Matlock Road.

"A unique place like Oliver Nature Park deserves a unique celebration," said Shelly Lanners, director of community services for the city. "Residents attending the grand opening and visiting the park from that day forward will be educated on nature and wildlife, appreciate the beauty of the park's 80 acres and connect in such a way that preservation of that space will be a priority for the entire community."



The grand opening is for the first phase of a three-phase project.

The first phase includes more than one mile of soft surface nature trails, a natural amphitheater, a tree house overlook, picnic areas, outdoor classrooms and a trail head to Walnut Creek Linear Park.

The property was purchased by the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation more than 10 years ago from a longtime Mansfield family that owned the land for many years and used it as a retreat. The family's wish was that the natural elements on the land be preserved for a public park. The park is



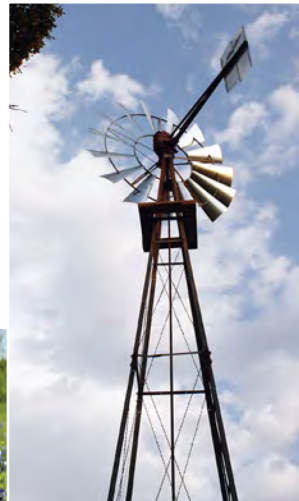
named for family patriarch Elmer W. Oliver.

The grand opening events include a presentation by city officials and ribbon cutting, nature-based activities and crafts for children, presentations by naturalists on the wildlife and vegetation throughout the park, guided tours through the property and live animal presentations.

Phase II of the project is expected to include 2.7 miles of trails connecting the new park to the Walnut Creek Linear Park trail system and extending the trails to Joe Pool Lake. Phase III is slated to include the park's indoor elements such as the nature center and tree house learning lab.

The timeline has Phase II completion in 2015. Phase III is scheduled for completion in

2017. The total cost of all phases of the project is expected to be \$10.5 million. Plans for Oliver Nature Park were part of the MPFDC's 10-year master plan adopted in 2010.



Cities await environmental approval of Highway 360 expansion project

Following an October public hearing that drew more than 300 people to hear details of the expansion plans for SH 360, cities along the highway's path are awaiting environmental approval of the construction plans for the project.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) have agreed to complete the through lanes of Highway 360 as a toll project. The agreement is expected to be finalized by the end of 2013.

Officials offered specific details of the project, including a video showing the highway at completion of the 9.2 miles of roadway from Sublett Road in Arlington to US 287 in Mansfield. Members of the public were allowed

to speak to TxDOT and NTTA officials at the hearing and written comments were also accepted.

Transportation officials will analyze all public comments and review the transcripts in order to address specific concerns by residents before issuing the environmental approval for the project.

The project calls for a toll road of varying lane widths as well as the completion of the frontage roads south of Broad Street.

No specific timeline for the project has been approved, but officials say it could be 2015-2016 before construction could begin. City leaders say construction of Highway 360 as a toll road ensures construction of the road will begin within the next five to 10 years instead of 10 to 20 years.

Safety tips for the winter months

Keep your home, pets and lawn protected during cold weather

As the temperature drops and winter settles in, city experts in public safety, animal control and landscaping say special care will be needed to protect our homes, pets and lawns from the effects of significantly colder temperatures.

"Sometimes, we're too busy during the holiday season to think about safety or making sure our homes are ready for colder weather," said Fire Chief Barry Bondurant. "While the dangers are different, there is still a risk of fire in your home during the winter."

Many of the home dangers are related to heating units and fireplaces. Fire officials say heating unit inspections by licensed professionals should be done each year to not only keep them running efficiently, but safely.

Here are several other tips to safeguard families and homes during the colder weather:

- Never use a fuel-burning heater without proper room venting. Never refill the heater while it is operating or hot, and it is best to refill it outdoors.
- Never burn charcoal indoors because it can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Before going to sleep, be sure the fireplace fire is out. Never close the damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper can force toxic carbon monoxide into the home.
- Extinguish candles and other decorative lights, including Christmas tree lights, when leaving home or before going to bed. Keep lighted candles away from flammable materials such as curtains and decorations.



Even your lawn needs care in order to ensure a clean and safe winter, and a fresh and healthy spring start. "The important thing is to make sure the lawn stays somewhat moist to prevent long term damage," says Toby Fotjik, park operations superintendent.

Fertilizer is most effective when used after the threat of freezing weather, which in Texas usually means mid-February to the beginning of March. "It's best to water the lawn once every two weeks because there is still activity going on underground even though the grass is dormant," Fotjik said.

Along with ensuring the safety of people, pets also require special care during the winter season.

"Fur does not mean protection against the elements," says Animal Control Manager Lori Strittmatter. "If you are cold, your pet is cold, too. All pets should have protection from the cold if they are going to remain outside.

"Put hay in outdoor animal houses instead of light bulbs or heating lamps. Also, keep pets away from anti-freeze in the garage or leaking from cars.

Earlier date, more activities for this year's Winter Walk event

What started as a grand opening event for Mansfield's Town Park has grown into a popular January event that encourages community-wide health and wellness.

The eighth annual Winter Walk, which beckons residents to the serenity and beauty of the Walnut Creek Linear Park trails, celebrates Mansfield's award-winning parks system and emphasizes exercise and fitness. It starts at Katherine Rose Memorial Park and ends at Town Park with plenty of activity along the way.

The community walk will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 11. This year's event is earlier in January due to the grand opening of Oliver Nature Park later in the month.

The Winter Walk draws walkers, runners and bikers from all over, said Angie Henley, the city's cultural arts and special events supervisor. She

said having the event in January is ideal for all those who make New Year's resolutions to get in better shape and make their health a priority.

"Everyone

goes out and gets a gym membership but we have all of these great parks to use," she said. "It may be outdoors but it still gets your heart pumping. Even though it's winter, you can still work out."

The free event has also been a big draw for dog owners. But every kind of Mansfield resident – from families with strollers to dogs on leashes – are welcome, Henley said.

This year the city is partnering with sponsor Cook Children's Medical Center and offering blood pressure checks and a health fair at Town Park, where the community walk ends. Pet toy giveaways and a Build-A-Bear Workshop site also will be staged this year.



Public Safety departments to host holiday food and toy drives

The Mansfield police and fire departments will once again host toy and food drives during the holidays to benefit needy residents.

This year Mansfield Fire Rescue is teaming up with Methodist Mansfield Medical Center for the department's annual toy drive. They will collect new, unwrapped toys from Nov. 29 to Dec. 19. The toy drive is held in partnership with Bethlehem Baptist Church, and last year more than 400 Mansfield families were assisted by the program.

Collection locations are Fire Station No. 1, 202 S. Main St.; Fire Station No. 2, 1711 Country Club Drive; Fire Station No. 3, 3100 E. Broad St.; Fire Station No. 4, 1954 N. Main St.; Mansfield Public Safety building, 1305 E. Broad St.; and Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, 2700 E. Broad St. (lobby or emergency department). For more information, contact Mansfield Fire Rescue at 817-276-4790.

Mansfield Police will collect both food and toys at its annual drive. Donations will be accepted from 2 to 8 p.m. Dec. 16, 19 and 20 at Wal-Mart, 930 N. Walnut Creek Drive, and 2 to 8 p.m. Dec. 17 and 19 at Kroger, 3001 Matlock Road.

Food and toys donated to Mansfield Police will be distributed to area food banks, outreach centers and local churches. For more information, contact the Mansfield Police Community Resource Division at 817-276-4758.

Christmas trees accepted for recycling Dec. 27-Jan. 17

Mansfield residents may recycle their Christmas trees for mulch through a special service offered by the city after the holidays.

Trees can be placed in the lot at 24 N. Mitchell

Road from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Friday, Dec. 27 and continuing through Friday, Jan. 17. This site will accept Christmas trees only.

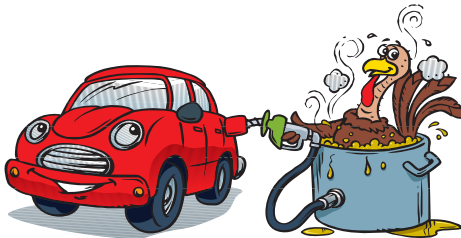
All bags, lights, wires, ornaments and stands must be removed. Flocked trees will not be accepted. Residents will be responsible for unloading their own trees. NO trees should be dumped at any other location.

Trees collected will be ground into free mulch for residents that will be distributed on March 22.

For more information, contact Arianne Shipley at 817-477-2248 or email at arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov.

Got Grease? Event on Dec. 7 to collect used cooking oil

Environmental Services will host its annual "Got Grease?" Cooking Oil Collection from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 7, at City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.



This collection provides an opportunity for Mansfield residents to properly dispose of cooking oil. Participants should place their oil in a sealed, leak-free container. This event is for cooking oil only. No household hazardous waste will be accepted.

Please bring proof of residency. For more information, contact Arianne Shipley at 817-477-2248 or at arianne.shipley@mansfield-tx.gov.

Dads can disco with their little divas at annual Sweetheart Dance Feb. 15

The Mansfield Parks & Recreation's 13th annual Sweetheart Dance takes on disco at its event set for Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Mansfield Activities Center, 106 S. Wisteria St.

The dance, held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. is \$30 per couple and is designed for dads and their daughters ages 4 to 13. Refreshments are provided and each couple will have a special picture to remember their night.

Register by Feb. 7 to avoid late fees. Discounts are available to those with a MAC card. For more information, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420.

Registration now open for winter Kids Zone program

Kids Zone is a supervised activity program for ages 6-11 held during school breaks. The winter Kids Zone is Dec. 23 through Jan. 6.

Each day is a different theme with activities and programs scheduled including sports, crafts



and games. Parents can save \$5 per day on fees if you register by Dec. 16.

For more information, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420.

Pre-schoolers to create crafts at Valentine's Party Feb. 6

Children ages 2 to 5 can celebrate Valentine's Day at a special craft party 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Mansfield Activities Center.

Advanced registration is required. Parents are free, but cost for children is \$5 per child (\$4 per child with a current MAC card).

Special education programs set for Oliver Nature Park

Two new nature education programs are being offered through Mansfield Parks & Recreation as part of the opening of the new Oliver Nature Park.

"Winter Bird Watching and Feeding" offers youth an opportunity to learn more about the birds that call Oliver Nature Park home. Participants can make their own environmentally friendly bird feeder as part of the program.

Cost is \$7 and the program is offered from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1.

"Chilly Winter Plants" will examine the local plants at the park and how they survive in winter conditions. A botanist will be on hand to answer questions.

Cost is \$5 and the program is offered from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8.

For more information, contact the MAC at 817-453-5420.



Hometown Holidays 2013

Santa, snow hills, floats and the return of the Tour of Homes highlight this year's activities

An array of traditional holiday fare will usher Mansfield residents into the Christmas season, Dec. 6-8.

Two days of Hometown Holidays festivities, the Kiwanis FaLaLa 5K and the return Sunday afternoon of the Tour of Homes event will mark an activity-filled weekend.

The annual tree lighting ceremony will be held from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, at City



Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will welcome visitors before the evening tree-lighting and fireworks show. The movie "Arthur Christmas" will be shown inside the Mansfield Activities Center.

"You could be out here for all four hours and be busy the entire time," said Angie

Hall, 1200 East Broad St. The event will feature children's activities, a snow hill, live reindeer and penguins, food vendors and horse and carriage rides.

Henley, Mansfield's cultural arts and special events coordinator. "It gets everyone in the spirit. This really is the official kick off of the Christmas season."



Henley said about 3,500 people attended last year's event. Limited parking is available at the Municipal Government Complex on East Broad, but parking is also available nearby at Erma Nash Elementary and R.L. Anderson Stadium. Handicapped parking will be provided in front of the



Mansfield Public Library.

The festivities continue on Saturday, first with the FaLaLa 5K sponsored by the Mansfield Kiwanis Club. The run this year will start at Katherine Rose Memorial Park, 303 N. Walnut Creek Drive and continue along the Walnut Creek Linear Park trail.

Proceeds from the run will benefit the charitable programs supported by the Kiwanis Club.

The 5K starts at 9 a.m. with Race Day registration from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$30. Visit the website at www.FaLaLa5k.com.

Following the FaLaLa 5K, residents can



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5K **kiwanis**



to an Italian Country and French Country located on acreage. Homeowners participating include: Randall and Linda Canedy, Ed and Carol Esstman, Randy and Valorie Hague, Joanne Remenapp, Thomas and

Cindy Shelton and Doug and Annette Thompson.

"The public really will be in awe of some of these homes because they're all so different," said Hague, chair of the event. "It's a great curiosity for everyone. You get to see people that you haven't seen in awhile and meet new people."

A Christmas Market Lodge will be located next to the Hague home on McCampbell Road. Refreshments and snacks will be served to ticket-holders while they browse home and Christmas décor items for sale.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to local non-profit programs that feed hungry

head to historic downtown Mansfield for the Hometown Holidays Parade.

The parade begins at 2:30 p.m. near St. Jude Catholic Church on East Dallas Street and travels along Main and Broad Streets. At least 50-60 parade entries are expected.

Andy Binz, Mansfield's recreation superintendent, said the annual event has become a community staple.

"It gets everyone excited and festive," he said. "Each year the number of parade floats grows along with the number of spectators."

Closing out the Hometown Holidays weekend is the Holiday Home Tour, which will be held from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday and sponsored for the first time by the Mansfield Women's Club.

The decades-old event, which is returning after a hiatus, will feature six homes ranging from a Southern Colonial nested in the woods,

families.

Prior to the event, tickets may be purchased at Creekside Collections, Mansfield Chiropractic, Mansfield Community Bank and Frost Bank.

Tickets also may be purchased during the city's Hometown Holidays Friday festivities and Saturday during the parade in front of the Chamber of Commerce office.

Tour tickets cost \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door the day of event. Raffle tickets for door prizes — which cost \$5.00 each or five for \$20 — will be sold in advance and on the day of event.

The tour will go on rain or shine. Homes are not handicap accessible and organizers said strollers and children under age five are not encouraged.

For more information, visit www.mansfieldwomensclub.com.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR



Christmas Market Lodge



2217 Cains Ln.



1410 Fairhaven Dr.



3313 Abbey Rd.



720 Glen Abbey



914 McCampbell Rd.

President's Column

Medical industry growth means a healthy local economy



When Methodist Mansfield Medical Center opened its doors in December 2006, city officials hoped it would spark other hospitals and/or medical-related industries to locate in Mansfield. Now,

in 2013, it's safe to say that the city is becoming a booming medical metropolis.

In fact, much of the dirt turning in Mansfield right now is specifically tied to the medical industry and several medical-related developments will open their doors in 2014.

Cook Children's Medical Center, which already has a significant presence in Mansfield, will open the second phase of its Matlock Road medical clinic. This new clinic will be a 24/7 emergency room operation with capability for minor surgery and diagnostic testing.

Three other emergency clinics are also opening in Mansfield next year: Elite ER, First Choice ER and Emerus Emergency Facility (affiliated with Baylor Hospital). Construction will also be underway soon for a medical office building that will open next to the new Rosa's Café on East Broad Street at Matlock Road.

Of course, Methodist Mansfield Medical Center continues to be the gift that keeps on giving to the local economy. Already the hospital has invested more than \$180 million in Mansfield on the hospital's initial construction and expansions of the emergency room, women's pavilion and the finish out of the patient tower.

Now the hospital is developing plans for another expansion that will practically double the size of its campus. First up is another physicians office building and a second patient tower.

These medical facilities are not only providing excellent healthcare to residents and the growing populations in our city and south of Mansfield; they are adding jobs to our local economy and our thriving medical district.

Local businessman Jerry Heftler is president of the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation Board

Dura-Tech to build \$4.5 million facility to expand operations

Dura-Tech Processes Inc., a privately held company that processes plating for oil and gas industry piping, has begun construction on a 54,000 square-foot, \$4.5 million facility across the street from its current location in the Mansfield Industrial Park.

The company, which has been located in Mansfield for 23 years, currently employs 20 people at a 30,000 square-foot warehouse on Antler Drive. The new facility, across the street on Sentry Drive, will eventually house 45 full-time employees and be the site for the company's production facility. The older facility will be used for its warehouse operations.

Dura-Tech is the developer of a premier patented anti-corrosion plating process for pipe that is primarily used in the oil and gas industry.

"We are pleased that Dura-Tech continues to call Mansfield home," said Pat Jameson, business retention manager for the economic development department. "We have several industries in Mansfield currently undergoing expansions. It's gratifying to see their success transformed into growth for our city."

Mouser Electronics set to add warehouse space, employees

Mansfield-based Mouser Electronics is currently developing plans to add 125,000 square feet of warehouse space and 150 full-time jobs to its facility on North Main Street.

The warehouse expansion will be added behind the company's current facility with construction expected to begin in 2014

Buffet's Berkshire Hathaway companies, is an electronics component distributor with customers across the globe. Their online catalog features more than three million products from more than 450 manufacturers.

The company, which ships products internationally to more than 375,000 customers



following approval of a zoning change for the property.

"Mouser is the city's largest private employer and an important corporate citizen for our community," said Scott Welmaker, director of economic development. "We are pleased for their success and the expansion is a direct result of their hard work and strong performance."

Mouser, a subsidiary of TTI Inc. in Fort Worth and part of businessman Warren

in 170 countries, has more than 490,000 square feet of warehouse space in Mansfield. The state of the art facility was expanded in 2007 and over the last several years Mouser has added hundreds of employees to the distribution facility.

Mouser has received numerous industry awards for its customer service and innovative distribution practices. In 2012, the company received the Employer of Excellence Award from the Texas Workforce Commission.

Industry profile – Interstate Trailers

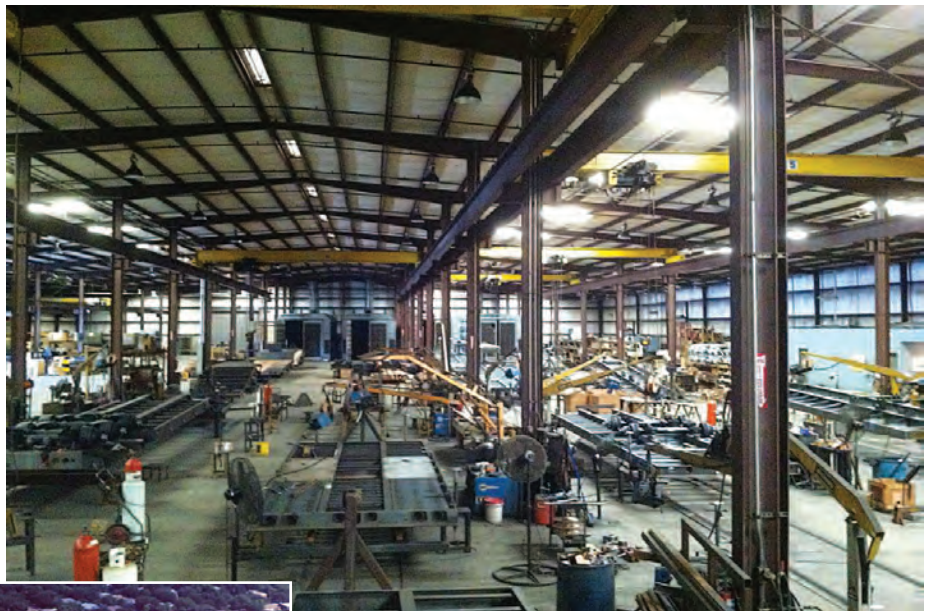
Building a solid product the foundation of company's continued success

No matter what type of construction, farm and ranch or other large equipment his customers need to haul, Steve Flowers knows they're moving it on the best foundation if they're using one of his trailers.

His company, Interstate Trailers, has been in business for 31 years. Trailers manufactured at his Mansfield headquarters are created custom for clients or sold through more than 200 dealers nationwide.

The company moved to Mansfield from Arlington in 2000 and operates out of an 110,000 square-foot facility on 50 acres along Heritage Parkway.

The company's trailers have long been favored by farmers and contractors for hauling large field equipment and construction vehicles,



Worth and San Antonio. He also works with the State of Washington, provides for corporate fleet services and for oil and gas companies.

He said cities and other government agencies – which use the trailers to haul heavy equipment for public works projects – have been solid business.

"The reason we're doing more business is

because of these smart fleet managers," Flowers said. "We have trailers that were bought 20 years ago that are still being driven. It's a tribute to our tax dollars."

The company has flourished, he said, by diversifying but also by keeping its current customers provided with a safe, solid trailer that can be designed to meet specific needs.

Interstate sells more than 30 basic models of trailers with carrying capacity anywhere from 10,000 pounds to 120,000 pounds

"We have more than 400 competitors around the country and very few build a quality trailer," he said. "Our company motto is 'Our business depends on repeat business.'"

Flowers said seeking out new growth areas has been the key to surviving the economic downturn that hurt the building industry. He said these new ventures, like working with oilfield services company Baker Hughes, have paid off.

He said Mansfield leaders have supported his company throughout the years by creating and maintaining a business-friendly environment. The city also provides a convenient location for his 55 employees to work in, he added.

"The enthusiasm – that's the city management here in Mansfield," Flowers said. "It's sincere. They believe in the 'do-right' policy. They really work with you. It's been a good relationship."

Flowers said. But over the years the company has branched out.

Flowers, Interstate's chief executive officer, said his customers include such Texas municipalities as Arlington, Carrollton, Fort



This Quarterly Road Report includes current street projects underway by the City of Mansfield Public Works Department and TxDOT. For additional information, call Steve Freeman at (817) 276-4234 or Bart VanAmburgh at (817) 276-4233.

Street Bond Program (construction)

West Broad Street, Phase 2 (Cotton Street to Retta Road)

This project is a four-lane, divided extension to Phase 1. Paving of intersections, driveways, and sidewalks is nearly complete. The intersections with Lillian and Retta roads have been delayed due to AT&T utility conflicts, but work is progressing now. Originally the project was expected to be complete by Thanksgiving, but final completion is likely mid December.

East Broad Street (Holland to Day Miar)

This project includes reconstruction of Broad Street to a four-lane, divided parkway with intersection improvements at Day Miar Road. Conflicts with AT&T cables have prevented completion of the eastbound lanes along the frontage of Danny Jones Middle School and the intersection with Day Miar Road. When the westbound lanes are complete, traffic will be moved to the new pavement to allow work on median openings and left turn lanes. This project is scheduled for completion by early summer 2014.

Matlock Road @ Debbie Lane and Mansfield Webb Road Intersection Improvements Miscellaneous Turn Lanes on Debbie Lane and Matlock Road

This project will provide for dual left-turn lanes on all four approaches at the Debbie Lane/Matlock Road intersection and a right turn lane from northbound Matlock Road onto eastbound Mansfield Webb Road. Also included are five left-turn lanes at critical locations on Matlock Road and Debbie Lane to reduce congestion and enhance safety. Median pavers and punchlist items are being addressed and a few locations of concrete repairs are being done at the intersection of Matlock Road and Debbie Lane and on the southbound lanes of Matlock Road north of Country Club Drive.

East Broad Street @ Miller Road Intersection

This project involves increasing the radius at all corners and providing a right-turn lane from

eastbound Broad Street onto southbound Miller Road. Clean up and punchlist items are being addressed.

Grand Meadow Boulevard (Holland Road to Day Miar Road)

Grand Meadow Boulevard will be a four-lane, undivided collector street from Holland Road at the Sports Complex entrance east to Day Miar Road along the south side of Mary Lillard Intermediate School. Construction is expected to begin the first week of December with a 12-month construction schedule.

Street Bond Program (design)

South Holland Road (Sports Complex to Britton)

This project is in the bond program for design only. Preliminary design will be completed for the entire length of the project, and final construction plans will be prepared for the northern section – from the Sports Complex to Waterford Glen Drive. Preliminary design has been reviewed for the entire project length. Final plans for Phase 1 have been submitted for review by city staff. This first phase will include improvements to the Sports Complex entry and exit as well as a traffic signal at the intersection with Holland Road and Grand Meadow Boulevard. Construction funds for Phase 1 are not currently allocated.

East Debbie Lane (Matlock Road to City Limits)

The scope of this project is to improve Debbie Lane to a four-lane, divided concrete thoroughfare with curb and gutter. Preliminary plans have been reviewed, and final plans are being prepared.

National Parkway (Holland Road to Seeton Road)

This project is for two of the four lanes of National Parkway from Holland Road to Seeton Road. The construction documents are being provided by the developer of the adjacent property and the city will bid and construct the road as a capital project. It will be constructed in two phases due to conflicts at the east end with drainage and petroleum pipelines. Phase 1 is from Holland Road to Sage Drive, a road within the adjacent residential development. This phase is approximately half the total length. Excavation is complete for Phase 1 and water and sewer lines are being installed. Phase 2 design will be completed as construction progresses on Phase 1.

US 287 Ramps and Texas U-Turn (Walnut Creek Drive to Debbie Lane)

The scope of this project is to reconfigure the on and off ramps on US 287 between Walnut Creek Drive and Debbie Lane and construct a U-turn from the northbound to southbound frontage road at Debbie Lane. Preliminary design is under way. Construction will be managed by TxDOT.

Miscellaneous Projects

Heritage Parkway (Mitchell Road to Matlock Road)

Heritage Parkway will be a four-lane, divided parkway completing the link from US 287 to SH 360 including bridges over the Union Pacific railroad line. The project also includes significant sewer and water main infrastructure. Earthwork and utility construction began in early November. Total duration of construction will be approximately 18 months.

Seeton Road Realignment

This project will eliminate the Seeton Road railroad crossing. Seeton Road will follow the north side of the railroad and tee into Holland Road north of the tracks. The scope includes drainage ditches and structures, an asphalt roadway surface and a quiet zone railroad crossing for Holland Road. A portion of construction funding will be reimbursed through a TxDOT program. Drainage improvements began late October. The project should be complete by summer 2014.

East Kimball Street (Pond Street to Waxahachie Street)

This is a 2013 CDBG reconstruction project. Kimball Street will be improved to a concrete street with curb and gutter, storm drain system and new water and sewer mains. Preliminary design is under way by the consultant.

TxDOT Projects

FM 1187 (Bus 287 to Newt Patterson Road)

Redesign of the eastbound lanes from Cardinal Road to a point west of Hyview Road is complete. TxDOT has completed negotiations for the changes with Lone Star Civil, the original contractor on the project. Removal of the redesigned section of eastbound lanes is under way. The new contract requires night and weekend work to achieve substantial completion of the project by Thanksgiving 2013. There will still be significant work remaining, but traffic should be on new pavement in both directions.



Public meeting schedule

City Council

7 p.m. the second and fourth
Mondays of each month,
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

Planning & Zoning Commission

6:30 p.m. the first and third
Mondays of each month,
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

Mansfield Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation (MPFDC)

7 p.m. the third Thursday of each month,
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

Library Advisory Board

6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month,
Mansfield Public Library
Community Room, 104 S. Wisteria St.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

6 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month,
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission

5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month,
Mansfield City Hall, 1200 E. Broad St.

Important numbers

City Hall	817-276-4200
Animal Control	817-477-2038
Library	817-473-4391
MAC	817-453-5420
Public Safety Building	817-276-4700
Municipal Court	817-276-4716
Law Enforcement Center	817-473-8676
Parks Operations	817-473-1943
Tarrant County Tax Office	817-884-1100
Seniors	817-453-5420 ext. 2227
Utility Operations (after 5 p.m.)	817-473-8411

Mansfield City Council

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Winter 2013 Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER	28-29 Thanksgiving - All city offices and facilities closed			
DECEMBER	2	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	3	Mansfield Economic Development Corporation	6 p.m.	City Hall
	4	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	6	Hometown Holidays	5-9 p.m.	City Hall Complex
	7	Kiwanis Falalala 5K Run	9 a.m.	Katherine Rose Memorial Park
	7	Hometown Holidays Parade	2:30-4 p.m.	Historic Downtown Mansfield
	8	Holiday Home Tour	2-7 p.m.	
	9	City Council	5 p.m., 7 p.m.	City Hall
	11	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	16	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	16	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	19	Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation	7 p.m.	City Hall
	24	Christmas Eve; all city offices and facilities closed		
	25	Christmas Day; all city offices and facilities closed		
JANUARY	1	New Year's Day; all city offices and facilities closed		
	6	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	7	Mansfield Economic Development Corporation	6 p.m.	City Hall
	8	Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
	8	Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
	11	Winter Walk	10 a.m.	Katherine Rose Memorial Park
	13	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	16	Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation	7 p.m.	City Hall
	20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; MAC and Library open; all other city offices and facilities closed		
	21	Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
	21	Planning & Zoning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall
	25	Elmer W. Oliver Nature Park Grand Opening	10 a.m.-4 p.m.	Oliver Nature Park
	27	City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
	FEBRUARY	3	Planning & Zoning Commission	6 p.m.
4		Mansfield Economic Development Corporation	6 p.m.	City Hall
5		Zoning Board of Adjustment	6 p.m.	City Hall
10		City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall
12		Library Advisory Board	6 p.m.	Library Community Room
15		Sweetheart Dance	6-8:30 p.m.	MAC
17		President's Day; MAC and Library open; all other city offices and facilities closed		
18		Keep Mansfield Beautiful Commission	5:30 p.m.	City Hall
18		Planning & Zoning Commission	6 p.m.	City Hall
20		Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation	7 p.m.	City Hall
24		City Council	7 p.m.	City Hall